

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- In claim 11, line 1, change "metals" to --metal--;
- In claim 12, line 2, change "therewith" to --with said sidewalls of the conducting layer--;
- In claim 19, line 1, delete "at least one";
- In claim 20, line 1, delete "at least one";
- In claim 22, line 1, after "dielectric" insert --layer--;
- In claim 23, line 1, delete "at least one";
- In claim 28, line 1, change "claim 16" to --claim 26--;
- In claim 29, line 5, after "the" insert --at least one--;
- In claim 29, line 7, before "conducting" insert --the-- and after "and" insert --the at least one--;
- In claim 32, line 1, insert a comma after "31";
- In claim 32, line 2, before "first" insert --at least one--;
- In claim 39, line 2, delete "the conductive layer" and after "sidewalls" (2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence) and before the comma, insert --of the conducting layer--;
- In claim 49, line 1, after "removing" insert --the--;
- In claim 49, line 2, before "conducting" insert --the--; after "and" insert --the at least one-- and after "form" change "a" to --the--;
- In claim 49, line 3, after "and" (2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence), insert --the at least one--;
- In claim 52, line 1, after "wherein" delete "the" and after "metal" insert --spacer--;
- In claim 54, line 2, change "spaces" to --spacers--;
- In claim 55, line 2, after "on" change "the" to --a--;
- In claim 55, line 3, after "over" insert --the--;
- In claim 62, line 1, change "conducting" to --conductive--;
- In claim 63, line 1, change "conducting" to --conductive--;
- In claim 77, line 2, after "on" change "the" to --a--;
- In claim 98, line 1, after "77," insert --further--; after "the" (2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence) insert --at least one-- and after "layer," insert --the--;
- In claim 98, line 2, after "and" insert --the at least one--.